(b) and (c) Government of Uttar Pradesh requested for inclusion of all the remaining 291 blocks of the State under EAS including all the blocks of Sabhal Parliamentary Constituency. All the remaining blocks in the country are proposed to be covered during 1997-98.

Processing of wastes

3959. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa by this Ministry and the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

(b) Does not arise.

Assured Water Supply

3960. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the States where Centrally sponsored Assured Water Supply Schemes are being implemented;

(b) whether the said scheme is being implemented in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the total hectares of land brought under the Assured Water Supply Scheme so far; and

(d) the position of other States where this scheme is being implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No such scheme is being implemented.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Health Hazards Process of Pepsi Bottles

3961. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plastic pepsi bottles from the United States are being dumped in India where they are processed under unsafe conditions;

(b) whether such bottles are stockpiled in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent the use of such bottles as they are posing health hazards for the workers engaged in the bottling and transport of cold drinks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c) There are no restrictions for the import of PET bottles waste under the current. Export Policy as a scrap. The PET bottles when used for the packaging of food are required to conform to the standards laid down under the Prevention of Food Adultration Act. No manufacturer can undertake the bottling of soft drinks without conforming to the laid down hygenic conditions and without a licence under the Fruit Products Order 1955.

Gas to Fertilizer Plants

3962. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether working of several fertilizer plants along the HBJ pipeline has been paralysed following the reduced supply of gas resulting in a daily loss of production of more than $ 1.5 million;

(b) if so, the details of the plants affected and loss incurred with nature and magitude of the problem;

(c) the details of action taken proposed to be taken to resolve the problem and restore the normal gas supply; and

(d) the present status of the issue and permanent steps proposed to be taken to ensure adequate and regular supply of gas through HBJ pipeline to the fertilizer plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) and (b) The supply of gas to the fertilizer plant and other consumers along the HBJ pipeline was affected due to the shutdown taken by ONGC for 23 days in January, 1997. The total supply ex-Hazira was reduced to 14-15 MMSCMD as against the normal supply of around 25 MMSCMD. The loss of production has been estimated to be 2.02 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) The pre-shutdown level of supplies has been restored. The supplies will further increase with additional development in Basse in and the commissioning of Tapti fields.

Assembly Resolution

3963. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism of Jammu and Kashmir disclosed at a press conference at Chandigarh that Kashmir propose to bring an official resolution in the coming session of the Assembly to